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Applicants: D. Stoianovici, et al

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Application No.: 09/943,751

Group: 3731

Filed: August 30, 2001

Examiner: Nguyen, Vi X

For: CONTROLLABLE MOTORIZED DEVICE FOR PERCUTANEOUS NEEDLE PLACEMENT IN SOFT TISSUE TARGET AND METHODS AND SYSTEMS RELATED

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.191)

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board from the decision of the Primary Examiner, mailed Marfeh 23, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-15, 18-25, 29,36, 39, 42, 43 and 46-55.

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The itcm(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. STATUS OF APPLICANT

This application is on behalf of

[] other than a small entity.

[XX] a small entity.

A statement:

[] was already filed on _

2. FEE FOR FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL

[] is attached.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(b), the fee for filing the Appeal Brief is:

[XX] small entity \$165.00

Notice of Appeal fee due \$330.00

3. EXTENSION OF TERM

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 apply.

(a) [] Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
[]	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
	two months	\$ 420.00	\$210.00
	three months	\$ 950,00	\$475.00
	four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00

Fee \$ Ω.ΩΩ

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(a) [] An extension for two months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$0.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$0.00

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- (b) [] Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- (c) [XX] Applicants have concurrently filed a request for an extension of time and thus believe that no extension of term is required to be requested with the within Notice of Appeal. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

4. TOTAL FEE DUE

The total fce due is:

Notice of Appeal fee \$ 165.00.... Extension fee (if any) \$ 0.00.

TOTAL FEE DUE \$ 165.00

5. FER PAYMENT

[] Attached are checks in the sum of \$0.00. [XX] Charge Account No. 04-1105 the sum of \$165.00. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

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6. FEE DEFICIENCY

[X] If any additional extension and/or fee is required, this is a request therefor and to charge Account No. 04-1105.

AND/OR

[X] If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 04-1105.

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